

# ENGLANDS Timely Warning-piece.

Or, The wonderfull Prophecies of Bishop Usher, Mr. William Lilly, Dr. Partridge, and Dr. Gadbury, Predicting great and strange Alterations to befall this Climate of England very shortly; with the Judgment of Mr. Lilly concerning that great and three-fold Conjunction of Saturn and Jupiter this year 1682, and concerning the late Comet, the wonderful Flaming sword, the great Floods, the two Eclipses of the Moon on the 11th of February past, the other on the 8th of August, of the barbarous cruelties in France, of the Blazing star seen lately in Germany, and of several strange wonders as Mr. Lilly writ of several years ago. These things being found in his study since his Decease. Written by James Seal, Licensed according to Order.

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**C**hristian Reader, whosoever thou art that readeth these strange Wonders, let me intreat thee to take Notice by them, and to remember they are the Beacons of the Almighty, which are set on fire to forewarn us of approaching danger; these remarkable Signs Thousands can testify the truth of them, and I hope there is none that heareth or readeth them but will take Notice by it.

## A New Table of several strange Signs and Wonders.

**T**he first was of an unusual Prodigy of three Suns that was seen in most part of England, being seen in the Firmament to get the upper-hand of each other, and in a small time they vanished; this is called by Philosophers a Parilly, which after the last three Suns as was seen, was a little before Queen Mary began her bloody Reign, and in the late Wars in 44, not since until on the 23d of January 1681.

The second wonderful Sign as was seen, was on the 4th of December 1681, of a fiery flaming Sword that was seen in several parts in the West of England, and in South-Wales, in Carmarthen, and in the County of Cornwall, and in other parts beyond the Seas, as many Seamen can testify; This flaming Sword pointing to the Earth, and sometimes it shew'd as if it moved and shak'd towards the Earth, until the Clouds interposed between that and us as hindered them from the sight of it; it continued for half an hour visible, and then vanished quite away: 'tis observed that the like prodigy was seen before Jerusalem was destroyed, where there hapened such a Famine in the Land, but specially in the City of Jerusalem, that the women was forc'd to eat their own Children, as you may read at large in the History of Josephus.

The third strange Prodigy, is of two Armies that was seen to engage against each other in the Firmament over the City of Exeter in Devonshire on the 27th of December 1680, the one Army coming from the North of Heaven and the other from the South, they continued for some two hours visible fighting, the North Army was worsted, and there were heard the noise of wounded men as they supposed in the Ayr after the Battel was ended. This is observed the like Prodigy was seen before the breaking out of the late Rebellion, and not since, till now, which from the like Good Lord deliver us.

Fourthly, Since the last Armies was seen in the Ayr, we have an Account from France of the barbarous cruelties as is acted by those cruel and unmerciful Papists on the poor Protestants in France, where they have invented new ways of torments: As by putting their feet into scalding Water, and by wedging their Fingers into Auger-holes, and by burning their Tongues with Red-hot Irons, and also of their barbarous cruelties to several women, but especially to a Protestant Lady living in Paris the chief City in France, whom those Jesuits and Fryers solicited to renounce her Faith, and to relaps from her Religion, to which she replied unto them, *As she had lived in the Protestant Faith, so was she resolved to die in the same*: No sooner had she spoke those words, but those cruel Papists (being only Pretenders to Religion) fell a beating, striking, kicking, and treading on her body, insomuch that the Child fell from her body alive, which they flung about the street till they had murdered the same, so those poor Protestants are served in France for professing the true Protestant Religion, which from such-like cruelties good Lord deliver us, and all that trust in him.

5ly. In January last 1681, we have an Account from Flanders, Holland, and Zealand of a very great and unusual Inundations of the Sea, which by the slightness of the Banks as they had there, which was nothing but Wood knock'd in with Stakes very slightly, the water broke them down, and ran into the Country a vast great way, drowned many thousands of Cattel, and



their Hay and Corn was drove away, and many thousands lost their lives before they could fly for succor, it coming so swift upon them as there was nothing to be seen but the tops of Churches; Flanders being low and Zealand together, and was first gotten out of the Sea, they thought they should never get their Country again: It being nothing but what is testified by several Seamen, and others.

7ly. A great Earthquake lately hapned at Stow Market in Suffolk which was accompanied with such claps of Thunder and Lightning and a storm of hail, that some of them were 5 or 6 inches in circumference, and some as big as Turkey eggs, which has destroyed much Corn and other things that 4000 l. will not repair it.

8ly. Concerning the late Comet which appeared to us in December, 1681, it appeared to us in England, in Capricorn near unto the body of the Sun, being of a very great swiftness moving four Degrees in 24 hours and lessned its Motion towards the end to one Degree and fifty five Minutes in twenty four hours, its stream at first appears pointed a little to the North, afterwards Eastward; so having no more to say of it, but to refer you to large Writers, as Mr. Lilly's Almanac for this Year 1682, where is a large Note of its Motion from the beginning to the end, only I will tell you as it was a Saturnine Comet, so I dare say it will have Saturnine and dismal Effects; from which good Lord deliver us.

9ly. Something concerning the Conjunction of the two Superiors Saturn and Jupiter, which (according to the Tables of Mr. Thomas Street) will be celebrated on the 23d of October 1682 in a fiery Trygon in and about twenty Degrees of Leo the ascendant of Rome, and it hath alwaies been attended with memorial Changes both in Church and State; This being the 8th time of their meeting in the fiery Trygon since the Creation of the World, and was attended alwaies with great Prodigies in the Heaven, and Alteration on Earth, and it will have great signification to those places that have Leo for their horoscope. I would speak more of it, but I have not room here to insert it, only Ile tell you it signifieth no ill to England, in regard it falls in Trine to Aries, Englands Ascendant,

but violent and raging Diseases must be expected, from which Good Lord deliver us.

10. Those two great Eclipses of the Moon, the first being on the 11th of February and was total and almost central, and the second will happen on the 8th of August, at five hours 55 minutes, mane, but invisible to us: This threatens the Earth (with her Inhabitants) either with the Plague, or some very great Mortality, with dearness of Corn; It denotes the ruin of ancient buildings, and division and hatred amongst the Professors of Religion, high winds and Tempest at Sea, and very dangerous Sayings: It denotes

the destruction of Fishes, and over-flowing of Rivers, and hath a very bad signification, according to the famous Mr. Lilly in his Merlini Anglici.

*This Month the two Superiors are enjoyn'd,  
And in the fiery Trygon are combin'd:  
They're meeting still, great Changes doth foreshow,  
To hapen in the Regions here below.*

Mr. Lilly in his Ephemeris in 1655, hath these Prophetic Expressions, which are now very near their Period, and doth in a prophetic manner predict his own Death.

*In the Year of eighty three, great changes there will be,  
That thou poor Merlin ne'r shalt live to see.*

Also Mr. Gadbury and Mr. Partridge have written very dubiously and strange, as may be seen in their Annual Books this year 1682.

Mr. Partridge writeth concerning the French Kings death and hath given his Judgment at large, as may be seen in his Mercurius Calestis, 1682.

Also Mr. Gadbury in the latter end of his Dyary or Almanack for this year 1682, hath these Mistick Verses

*Geneva Jiggs shall disagree,  
And days turn'd into weeks shall be,  
So into months and years at last,  
Just Judges shall their madness cast.*

Comets are dreadful Objects to mens eyes,  
God's angry warning, heavenly Rarities  
That still proclaim Gods wrath, and Kingdoms woe,  
Plagues, or great Sickness, bloody Wars also;

According to Mr. Lilly in his Annual books.

Also the Right Reverend Bishop Usher did prophecy of several strange Events, which some have came to pass & some have not, he prophecied of the Massacre in Ireland, & several years before it came to pass, and also of the death of King Charles the First, and of another Massacre here in England now by the Papists.

*God hath not made Celestial works in vain,  
But in them power and vertue great remain,  
They cause effects on Earth, by them we know  
That God is working Changes here below.*

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